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In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2005, kindly cancel claims 17-32, (Group II), without prejudice, leaving claims 1-16, (Group I) in this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

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